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Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three individuals who serve in local government in Arizona: Steve Chucuri, Brigitte Peterson, and Nora Ellen.

This month, Steve Chucuri's colleagues on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors voted to elevate him to chairman of the board. Steve has served on that board since 2013.

Last week, the Gilbert Town Council chose Brigitte Peterson as their vice mayor. Brigitte has served on the council since 2015.

Last Thursday, the Chandler City Council voted to appoint Nora Ellen as their vice mayor. Nora has served on the council since 2013.

Mr. Speaker, serving in local government isn't always glamorous, but these individuals and their colleagues demonstrate commitment to their constituents on a daily basis. Our communities are fortunate to have Steve, Brigitte, and Nora at these posts. I wish them well in their new roles and look forward to working with them in 2018.

KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have got to start working with Democrats to govern. We can't keep moving from one shutdown crisis to the next.

Here is what we can do today, right now:

First, we can work together to keep the Federal Government open by pursuing bipartisan priorities of the American people; funding community health centers, permanently reauthorizing CHIP, providing disaster relief, and protecting DREAMers. Let's do that, not for politics, but for people.

Second, we can work together on a Federal budget that raises caps for domestic spending. We should increase veterans funding so there is not a single veteran left behind in our great Nation.

We need to protect pensions, provide the disaster relief funds for hurricane and wildfire victims, create good-paying jobs and full-time jobs for American workers, and protect healthcare.

Let's create a bipartisan budget that is a better deal for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, it is too easy these days to be partisan and cynical. Let us, instead, work together to keep the Federal Government open and functioning for the American people.

IN SUPPORT OF THE MARCH FOR LIFE

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, this week, thousands of Americans are joining together in our Nation's Capital for a common purpose, the March for Life.

This year marks 45 years since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in our country. Since 1974, generations of Americans have braved the elements and marched on Washington to pray for our Nation and be the voice for the most vulnerable members of our society, the unborn.

As a member of the Pro-Life Caucus, I will continue to fight for legislation that values and protects the sanctity of innocent life. I applaud these courageous participants, and I stand with you in this movement. There is no more basic human right than the right to life.

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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF WOMEN ARE UNDER ATTACK

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the absurdly titled Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

This bill is yet another attempt by the majority to intimidate women and providers of abortion care by imposing restrictions that are redundant, at best, and life-threatening, at worse. Time and again, Republicans have charged that politicians, not women and their doctors, know what is best for women's bodies. Enough is enough.

Today is a reminder that women's reproductive rights are constantly under attack, and I will never waver in fighting back. This bill is completely unnecessary. It has always been illegal to kill newborn infants, and to suggest this legislation is anything more than redundant obstruction for women accessing healthcare is outrageous.

Instead of spending time on unnecessary legislation, my Republican colleagues should work with Democrats to fund the government and protect 800,000 young people, our DREAMers, from deportation to countries they have never known.

Mr. Speaker, Americans face actual real problems every single day. So let's get back to work.

GIVE A VOICE TO UNBORN CHILDREN

(Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which was introduced by Representative MARSHA BLACKBURN.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. Unfortunately, with this deci-

sion, we have seen the number of abortions occurring in the United States growing each year. According to Planned Parenthood's 2016-2017 annual report, abortions make up 96 percent of the organization's pregnancy resolution services, whereas prenatal services dropped significantly.

Additionally, Planned Parenthood has performed more than 1.6 million abortions over the past 5 years. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we celebrate the sanctity of life by encouraging and supporting pro-life legislation. The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which I am a proud cosponsor of, affirmatively states that if a baby is born after a failed abortion attempt, doctors must exercise the same degree of medical care on that child as a baby born on any other day.

If doctors refuse to do so, they will be held criminally accountable for their actions. As a proud west Tennessean, I believe we must give a voice to the unborn and preserve the life and health of all children.

RECOGNIZING ED GORIN

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Magistrate Ed Gorin, in the First District of Kentucky, for his decades of service to the residents of Taylor County.

Ed has served his fellow citizens in many capacities throughout the years, from his membership on the local school board to spearheading local committee projects. He has always been guided by his personal motto of "working for the community."

Through the years, he has maintained a singular focus and worked tirelessly to better the lives of his fellow Taylor Countians by consistently searching for the most fiscally responsible solution for the greatest number of citizens—even spending money out of his own pocket for community events.

During his career, he has secured numerous benefits for Taylor County, including a volunteer fire department and a recycling program which will impact the lives of those in his community for years to come.

Ed Gorin has established an outstanding legacy as a revered public servant, and I join with his family and friends, as well as all those he has impacted during his career, to express our dedication and gratitude for his contributions to Taylor County.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent him and wish him well in his recovery efforts.

LOVE SAVES LIVES

(Mr. DAVIDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)